

John Moultrie Master Roads Scholar



John has called Georgetown, MA home since 1951 and served in various capacities at the highway department since 1980. In 1992 he was elected highway surveyor, a position with duties comparable to a highway superintendent including maintenance and repair of all roadways, sidewalks, parks, bridges, drainage, etc. Since 1992 John has been tree warden and also sits on committees for the library building, urban roadways and traffic. Elected to the planning board in 1999, he has served in the past as clerk and currently as chairman.

Georgetown has benefited from John's dedication to improving quality standards and cost saving measures. He developed subcontractor qualifications for snow and ice control. The highway department was recognized for superior snow and ice control by the Lawrence Eagle Tribune and placed in the top 3 out of 25 towns in this survey. The first phase of a stormwater mandate was completed under budget saving the town \$50,000; this was accomplished with the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission's assistance.

Jack instituted excavation regulations and a permitting process to protect the town's infrastructure with a performance bond requirement thus ensuring accountability. The pavement management program that he implemented has enabled those responsible to make important decisions regarding the maintenance and rehabilitation of roads.

Over 3 million dollars from grants dedicated for infrastructure improvements were obtained by John along with off-site upgrades privately funded by developers. He has also participated in consortium purchasing programs saving the town thousands of tax dollars; a result that always sounds good to the citizens of any town.

Major construction projects in 2004 included the second phase of the redesign of the urban system (\$2.3 million) and creation of the long awaited access road off Tenney Street (a \$3 million Transportation Improvement Project). Jack was able to oversee both of these significant endeavors while attending to his everyday duties of overseeing 65 miles of roads.

Membership in the American Public Works Association, Massachusetts Highway Association (currently President of Essex County Highway Association), and the Massachusetts Tree Warden's and Forester's Association provide networking with others in his field.

In his spare time, Jack enjoys restoring old cars, farm tractors and antique stoves. Depending on the season, you can find him busy with woodworking or gardening. □